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Meghann Joyce is a complex litigator and your team's strategic advantage during human resources challenges, construction setbacks, and other business disputes. When the stress is high, Meghann lifts the weight off the shoulders of overworked human resources professionals, project managers, and business owners who need strategic solutions to their legal problems. As a deep thinker with keen analytical skills, Meghann helps you efficiently resolve disputes so that you can focus on improving the well-being of your employees and your business. With several years of legal experience, from complex civil litigation involving employment issues and construction disputes to appeals, Meghann's priority is to ensure the comfort and confidence of her clients during challenging moments – to make it worth it for her clients.

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#### **Education:**

##### University of South Dakota School of Law, Juris Doctor

- Sterling Honor Graduate
- Moot Court Board (2008-2009, Vice President)
- Trial Advocacy Team
- Native American Law Students Association
- Student Bar Association First-Year Mentoring Program
- Horace and Dorothy Jackson Memorial Award, Best Brief (2009)
- Alan Bogue Best Team Award, Runner-Up (2009)
- Texas Young Trial Lawyers Association, Regional Competition, Semifinalist (2009)
- Emory Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Competition
  - Quarterfinalist (2008)
  - Second Place Brief (2008)
- Sam Masten Intramural Moot Court Tournament
  - Champion (2007)
  - Best Brief (2007)

##### University of South Dakota, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a Minor in Civic Leadership Studies

- Graduated Summa Cum Laude
- Mock Trial, Captain

- Political Science League, Vice President (2003-2004)
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Pi Sigma Alpha
- Golden Key Honor Society
- NCAA Division II Track & Field All-American (2004 & 2006)
- NCAA Division II Track & Field Academic All-American (Academic Years 2002-2006)
- Women's Track Team, Team and Academic Team Captain
- NCAA Division II Post-Graduate Scholar (2006)

### Employment:

Boyce Law Firm, LLP, Sioux Falls, SD

#### **Senior Associate, 2011-2018**

- Member of the litigation section of the firm, representing clients in a wide variety of general civil litigation matters, including employment law and litigation, construction law and litigation, complex commercial litigation and business disputes, trust and estate litigation, insurance and insurance bad faith litigation, motion practice, depositions, and appeals.

Supreme Court of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, SD

#### **Law Clerk, 2009-2011**

- Served under The Honorable Justice Glen A. Severson
- Assisted Justice Severson by drafting memoranda, preparing for oral argument, and performing legal research.

### Bar Admissions:

South Dakota and Minnesota

### Professional Associations & Community Involvement:

South Dakota Bar Association

- Practice Rules Revision Committee
- CLE Committee

Second Circuit Bar Association

- President, June 2016-March 2017

Second Circuit Women in Law

- President, June 2013-June 2014
- Vice President/President-Elect, June 2012-May 2013

South Dakota Trial Lawyers' Association

- Editor, The Barrister

South Dakota Defense Lawyers' Association

- Member, Board of Directors, November 2014-Present
- President-Elect, November 2018-Present

Defense Research Institute

- Appellate Advocacy Section
- Social Media Committee (October 2017-Present)

Leadership Sioux Falls, Class 28

### Publications & Presentations:

- "South Dakota Supreme Court Update: Opinions, Rule Changes & Analysis," South Dakota Defense Lawyers' Association, Annual Meeting & Seminar, November 9, 2018, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

- “Contracts 101: What Construction Professionals Need to Know,” National Association of Women in Construction, Sioux Falls, South Dakota Chapter, September 11, 2018, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- “Supreme Court Update: Statistics & Insight for Appeals to the South Dakota Supreme Court,” South Dakota State Bar, Early Bird CLE, June 21, 2018, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- “South Dakota Appellate Practice: Statistics, Insight & Practice Tips for Appeals to the South Dakota Supreme Court,” South Dakota State Bar, Law for Lunch Webinar, December 21, 2017.
- “South Dakota Supreme Court Update: Opinions, Rule Changes & Analysis,” South Dakota Defense Lawyers’ Association, Annual Meeting & Seminar, November 10, 2017, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- “How Appealing: How to Do an Appeal to the South Dakota Supreme Court,” South Dakota State Bar, Statewide Swearing-In Nuts & Bolts CLE, October 27, 2017, Pierre, South Dakota.
- “Think Like a Lawyer: The Importance of Documentation in the Construction Industry,” National Association of Women in Construction, Sioux Falls, South Dakota Chapter, January 5, 2016, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- “Interviewing Prospective Employees: What to Say and What Not to Say,” South Dakota Municipal League, Elected Officials’ Workshop, July 8, 2015, Pierre, South Dakota.
- “Human Resources Basics,” South Dakota Municipal League, City Finance Officers’ School, June 12, 2014, Chamberlain, South Dakota.

### **Achievements:**

- Super Lawyers Rising Star 2018

